Reasons That Grow

Read an opinion and find the details that support it.

C.2.1.c "Provide reasons with details to support the opinion."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the writer's opinion, circle three reasons for it, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside one detail that supports each reason.

A Garden by the Door

1 I think our class should plant a small garden near the school door. It would make the door look cheerful. We could put pots of yellow and purple flowers on both sides of the door.

2 A garden would help some insects, too. Bees can visit flowers to collect food. Butterflies can land on the flowers and drink sweet nectar. We could watch them from a safe spot without touching them.

3 The garden would also help us learn. We could measure a plant each week and write down how tall it grows. If one plant gets less sun, we could see if it grows as tall as the others.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does the writer think the garden would make the door look cheerful? Use a detail from the passage.

2. How does the writer show that a garden would help insects? Give one detail.

3. What detail supports the reason that a garden would help the class learn? Explain how it helps.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Should our class have a weekly game day at recess? Write three sentences: state your opinion, give one reason, and add a clear detail that supports your reason.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · C.2.1.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's opinion, circle three reasons for it, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside one detail that supports each reason. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does the writer think the garden would make the door look cheerful? Use a detail from the passage.	**Pots of yellow and purple flowers would sit on both sides of the door.**
2	How does the writer show that a garden would help insects? Give one detail.	**Bees could visit the flowers to collect food, or butterflies could drink nectar from them.**
3	What detail supports the reason that a garden would help the class learn? Explain how it helps.	**The class could measure a plant each week and record its height to learn how it grows.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our class should have a weekly game day at recess. It would help us work together. For example, we could play a team game where we pass a ball to every player before we score.

For the passage questions, accept details that match the stated reason. For Your Turn, accept either opinion if a clear reason and a supporting detail follow it.